

Kirkin' O' The Tartans

November 6, 2022 9:00 & 11:00 am

The Session and members of First Presbyterian Church Fargo extend a sincere welcome to you. We are grateful for your presence today! We welcome all persons regardless of race, nationality, disability, gender or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services and to serve as an officer of the church.

Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Space after worship.

We recycle! If you are not taking your bulletin, please drop it in the blue bin at the door as you leave.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather in Christ

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you have commanded us to not be afraid and assured us of your presence. During trials and joys, sorrows and dreams, may we know your presence and rejoice. Grant us courage, O God, to take delight in your spirit in all times and all places. Grant us faith, O God, to see the myriad of ways you give life. Grant us hope, O God, to participate in your work in the world. Grant us love, O God, to welcome, respond, and act with compassion in all we say and do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonnie Doon

arr. Fandrich

Folk Songs of the British Isles

arr. Wagner

The Kirkin' Orchestra; Jill Post, director

PROCESSIONAL

The High Road to Gairloch

Trad. Scottish

Heather & Thistle Pipe Band, Celtic Dancers

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praise to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!

Come, let us worship the Lord!

***HYMN 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

(Orchestral Interlude between verses)

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and chartered our own waters. In the name of independence we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and all places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE 587**

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Courtney

Kirkin' Choir & Orchestra; Bryan Poyzer, director

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Daniel Billings

FIRST READING

Psalm 100

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-12, 18-24

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Courts of Praise

The Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

*HYMN 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. (Refrain)

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. (Refrain)

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. (Refrain)

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession: CHAPTER I God

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Background: The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in the history of the Scottish nation. The Protestant nobility of Scotland was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh after the Queen Regent Mary of Guise died in her sleep in 1560. To the Scots, this favorable conclusion to the civil war with Mary's French-supported forces represented a providential deliverance.

Responding to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

CALLING OF THE CLANS AND PRESENTATION OF THE TRAYS

Clan Caller: Mark Gealy

Tray Bearers: Al Ohrt and Cynthia Sillers

Those bringing tartans may come forward by way of the center aisle and return to their pew by the side aisles. Please pick up tartans by the West sanctuary doors following the service.

MUSIC

Brother James' Air

Kirkin' Strings

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS



OFFERING Use the QR code to access the secure giving portal on our website!
DID YOU KNOW? If you are 72 or over you generally must withdraw an amount from your retirement accounts every year (the required minimum distribution). This amount can be paid directly to a charity (like the church). Amounts distributed this way count towards the minimum distribution and are excluded from your taxable income. Contact the church for more details.

OFFERTORY

Highland Cathedral

arr. Hunter

Kirkin' Orchestra, Heather & Thistle Pipe Band,
Celtic Dancers; Jill Post, director

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing the Word into the World

* HYMN 649

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

[High Voices] 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

[Low Voices] Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. *[Interlude]*

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *[Interlude]*

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Celtic Blessing

Watson

3 CHIMES

RECESSIONAL

Scotland the Brave

Trad. Scottish

Heather & Thistle Pipe Band, Celtic Dancers

POSTLUDE

Jubilant Recessional
Sally Harmon, organist

arr. Linker



Serving at Micah's Mission continues: Thank you to those who have been preparing and serving meals at Micah's Mission (part of Churches United for the Homeless). Our commitment continues every second Thursday of the month. A sign up sheet is on the Volunteer Opportunities Board if you're wishing to help for November and December. We need 4 meal preparers from 3-5pm and 4 servers from 5-7pm. Consider forming a team, or being part of a team. See Pastor Mary if this is for you! Come and be a part of this longstanding partnership.



ManUp Bible Study for Men: The ManUp Bible study returns to the Jennie Roberts Room this Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 6:45-7:45 a.m. Intended to help men understand what the Bible says in relation to what is expected of a Christian man, the study this month takes up the 2nd lesson in the study guide to the Book of Job. You can request a copy of the study guide from Bruce Maylath by e-mail at ring4linguist@yahoo.com. No advance preparation is required for each month's study. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be served. New participants may join at any time.

Messenger & Weekly Updates: Have you been getting our emails? If not, be sure to check your junk folder! If church emails are being marked as spam, be sure to flag them as 'Not Junk' and 'Always trust this sender'. If you would like to sign-up for emails, check out our website!

Covenant Of Prayer: Jennifer; Hannah; David; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya; and the people of Ukraine.

Remembering Our Soldiers In Prayer: Lt. Col. Dan Sundberg will return from Iraq in December. If you have a loved one in the military, please let Pastor Mary know and we'll include his/her name.

Delivering Thanksgiving Meals / Hope Blooms: Again this year, we are partnering with Heart n' Soul to deliver Thanksgiving meals. **NEW THIS YEAR** – we will be assembling bouquets of flowers to deliver with the meals through Hope Blooms, a local non-profit that repurposes flowers into small bouquets to give to people in need; all with the message "You matter." **IN THE MEANTIME**, we are collecting glass jars for vases. Clean them out, please! (We can handle stubborn labels!) Meals and bouquets will be delivered on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. More details in upcoming bulletins and on the website for signing up.

Christmas Poinsettias: We encourage you to purchase poinsettias for the Christmas season! More information can be found on the order forms, which are available at the Welcome Desk, or by contacting Casey LeMier in the office. Orders and payment should be delivered to the office **no later than noon on November 28th.** Please write a separate check for your poinsettia; do not include in your offering. Thank you!

PW Board: Presbyterian Women will have a board meeting November 8 at 9:30am in the Jennie Roberts Room.

Bible Study Leaders: On Nov. 9th Mary will present the Bible Study on Lesson 3 in the office conference room at 2pm. Zoom available upon request.

PW Circles: Circles will meet Nov. 15 in the Jennie Roberts Room; Naomi/Ruth Circles will meet at 9:30am and the Rachel Circle will meet at 1pm. The Leah Circle will meet Nov. 19 at 10am in the office conference room.



Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns are available, please ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery: Staff will be present **beginning at 8:45** for infants-3 years, in the nursery complex on the 1st floor.

Activity Bags for Children: Fun-filled tote bags are located at both doors.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located in the Gathering Space and on the lower level.

Prayer Request Cards: Cards are in pew racks for your use. Prayers will be committed to God along with the other offerings and also lifted up in prayer by the staff.

Peace Candles: The candle burning on the chancel symbolizes peace. We ask guests to take a candle back to your church as a gift from us. Peace candles can be found at the Welcome Center, near the west doors.

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. (password: community650)

FPC Officers

Session: Abi Carlson, Kim Carter, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Dick Laraway, Carrie Lawrence, Brian McClure, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens. **Deacons:** Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard (treasurer), Gracia Fulwiler, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Donna Rummens, Candy Shultz, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

Church Treasurer: Sherri Stern

Church Staff

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood-*Head of Staff, Pastor*

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Associate Pastor*

Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*

Bryan Poyzer-*Adult Choir Director*

Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Kayla Bones-*Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator*

Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*

Casey LeMier- *Communications & Admin Assistant*

Rick Fiebiger-*Facilities Manager*

Drew Brovold-*Custodian*

**Staff emails are: (first initial and last name of person)
@firstpresfargo.org**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

BISON WATCH PARTY



FOOD, FOOTBALL AND FUN

Bring your lawn chairs and favorite game day snacks to share with others. "Tailgating" starts at 12:30 - complete with corn hole and other games.

*See you in the
Social Hall!*



L: Live Stream Option, H: Hybrid, Z: Zoom
Times shown in italics indicate am.

Sunday, November 6

10:00 Celtic Dancers

10:00 Fellowship

11:00 Kirkin' Service

12:00 Fellowship

5:30 Confirmation

Monday, November 7

5:30 Personnel Committee Meeting

5:30 Building & Grounds Meeting

Tuesday, November 8

6:45 ManUp Bible Study

9:30 Presbyterian Women Board Meeting

5:30 Board of Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, November 9

2:00 PW Bible Study Leaders Meeting

5:30 Genesis Ringers

5:30 St. Andrews Brass

6:15 Children / Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 10

5:00 Nurturing Parenting Meal & Classes

Friday, November 11

No Church Events

Saturday, November 12

12:30 Bison Tailgating

Sunday, November 13

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship (L)

11:30 Fellowship

5:30 Confirmation

Reminder: Use the QR code found in the bulletin to access the secure giving portal on our website!

For Your Information

October 30 Attendance: 254

235 in person;

19 households livestreamed



Church Information

Office Hours:

M-TH, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Phone: 701-293-6311

www.firstpresfargo.org



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

We encourage you to purchase poinsettias for the Christmas season! A printed list of the names of the donors and the names of the persons being honored or remembered will be included in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

Please **PRINT** your name; indicate how many poinsettias you would like, and if you would like to offer this flower in memory of, or in honor of someone special. Orders and payment should be delivered to the office **no later than noon on November 28**. *Please write a separate check for your poinsettia; do not include in your offering.* Thank you!

You can pick up your poinsettia at the church **after worship on Sunday, December 25**, or during office hours any day after that. Office hours are 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, M-TH.

Your Name (**PRINT**): _____

Size Options

Please PRINT. If more space is needed, please use back of order form.

6" Poinsettia (\$14.00)

To the glory of God

In memory of _____

In honor of _____